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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON MEETINGS OF GECAMINES DIRECTOR

REF: KINSHASA 10296

1. GECAMINES DIRECTOR UMBA DEPARTED WASHINGTON FOR BRUSSELS EVENING DECEMBER 8 AND EXPECTS TO RETURN TO LUBUMBASHI DECEMBER 16. WHILE IN WASHINGTON HE MET WITH AF/C, EXIMBANK, AND CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST OF CHICAGO. SUBJECTS COVERED ARE DISCUSSED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

2. EXIMBANK LOAN: WHATEVER PROBLEMS UMBA MAY HAVE HAD WITH PROPOSED EXIMBANK LOAN TERMS APPEAR TO HAVE EVAPORATED. BOTH PARTIES AGREED THAT DEADLINE NO LONGER APPLICABLE AS UMBA CONFIRMED GECAMINES WISHES LOAN AND WILL PREPARE REVISED DEPARTMENT LIST FOR SUBMISSION IN 3-6 MONTHS. MEANWHILE EXIM WILL PREPARE FINAL DRAFTS OF LOAN DOCUMENTS. UMBA TOLD DEPTOFF THAT EXIM TERM'S WERE ACCEPTABLE (INCLUDING PAYMENT FACILITY WHICH HE  
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OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT LIKE BUT DOES NOT CONSIDER IMPORTANT).

EXIMBANK DID AGREE TO SEPARATE GECAMINES FACILITY FROM SNEL'S WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE MET UMBA'S PRIMARY OBJECTION.

UMBA STILL HOPES TO NEGOTIATE SOMEWHAT LOWER RATE FOR GUARANTEE FEE BUT CLEARLY WILL NOT FOREGO LOAN ON THIS ISSUE. UMBA HAS BUSINESS IN BRUSSELS AND CHICAGO IN LATE JANUARY AND HOPES THAT FINAL LOAN AGREEMENT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE AT THAT TIME. UMBA PROMISED TO CONFIRM HIS APPROVAL OF LOAN CONDITIONS BY LETTER TO EXIM AND CONTINENTAL UPON RETURN TO LUBUMBASHI.

LOAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND MAJOR COMPONENT SYSTEMS (TIRES, ENGINES, TRANSMISSIONS, ETC). UMBA ALSO INTENDS TO USE IT TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL UNITRIG TRUCKS, INCLUDING TWO 170 TON UNITRIG TRUCKS FOR TESTING.

3. GECAMINES TRAINING PROGRAM: DEPTOFF PASSED CONTENTS OF STATE 286835 TO UMBA WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT AID WILLINGNESS TO SEND MINING TRAINING OFFICER TO DESIGN TRAINING PROGRAM. UPON RETURN TO LUBUMBASHI, UMBA WILL PROVIDE CONSULATE WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS (NUMBER OF POTENTIAL TRAINEES, SUBJECT AREAS, ETC.) UMBA SAID THAT HE WISHED TO EX,AND HIS TRAINING ,ROGRAM TO INCLUDE BRINGING AMERICAN MINING EXPERTS TO ZAIRE FOR PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR TO SERVE AS CONSULTANTS AND TEACHERS. HE IS THINKING OF BUREAU OF MINES EXPERTS, UNIVERSITY MINING PROFESSORS ON SABATTICAL, ETC. THIS WOULD BE AT GECAMINES EXPENSE.

4. GECAMINES PRODUCTION PROBLEMS: UMBA CONFIRMED POST REPORTING THAT GECAMINES FOREX ,ROBLEM HAS BEEN SOLVED AND THAT SPARES AND SUPPLIES PURCHASES NO LONGER POSE PROBLEMS. MAJOR CONSTRAINT NOW IS FUEL SUPPLY (COAL, COKE, AND GASOIL). AS REPORTED SEPTTEL GECAMINES HAS OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAZARA OFFICIALS FOR SHIPMENT OF EUROPEAN ORIGIN COAL. ORDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED AND FIRST SHIPMENTS SHOULD START ARRIVING IN A FEW MONTHS. UMBA 'OPES TO BRING IT UP TO 10,000 TONS PER MONTH VIA DARESSALAAM, TO BE STOCKPILED AS LONG AS WANKIE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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